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## If It's All the Same To You, Mr. Weather Man, We'll Take a Couple of Inches of Rain.

### The Culleys Sell Out.

A deal was made last week whereby Henry Culley and O. L. Culley sold their interests in the Citizens State Bank to J. C. Seeley, of Beersford, S. D., who has been elected president of the bank and W. C. Schumacher who has been assistant cashier, has been advanced to cashier.

Mr. Seeley comes here highly recommended and is a man who has had many years experience in the banking business. He is a very pleasant gentleman to meet, and will, without a doubt, win for himself and the bank many warm friends. He will move his family here as soon as he can arrange for them.

Mr. Schumacher is too well acquainted with our readers for us to try to say much about him, as he has since his residence here, become acquainted with about everyone in this part of the country, and everyone who knows him is his friend.

Henry Culley will make Claffin his home for the present, but later on expects to move to Colorado where he is interested in some enterprises which promise good returns and where his son, O. L., is now actively engaged in looking after their interests there.—Claffin Clarion.

### The Progress Club.

The Progress Club met Monday, Nov. 28, with Mrs. Tilton. The following program was given:

Cromwell and Hampden, Mrs. E. R. Moses.

The English Lake Country, Mrs. Poole.

Readings From Wordsworth, Mrs. R. C. Russell.

At the close of the program the hostess served light refreshments.

The club will meet next week with Mrs. F. V. Russell.

### The Athenian Club.

The Athenian Club met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sadie Wagaman. The time for roll call was spent in discussing the life of Tolstoi.

Mrs. Nellie Smith read a paper on "Peter the Great" written by Mrs. Vida Morrison, who was unable to be present.

Mrs. Jennie Castle gave an article upon two literary men of Russia, Kantemire and Lomonosov.

Mrs. Wagaman, assisted by her sister, Miss Engle, of Abilene, then served refreshments.

### Home Study Club.

The Home Study Club met at the home of Mrs. Jennie Dawson Monday afternoon. Miss Maude Luse was the leader, and the following program was rendered:

Quotations, Early Events.

Early Monasteries, Mrs. Maude Clayton.

Edward Ist., Mrs. Mering.

Ballad of Eleanor, Mrs. Jennie Dawson.

Wm. Wallace, Mrs. Lillie Lundblad.

Banishment of the Jews, Mrs. Hattie Luse.

The Club will meet Monday afternoon, Dec. 5th, with Mrs. Dora Clayton.

### Some Figures.

The United States has just passed through a banner year for smokes, drinks and oleomargarine. Here is the nation's record for the twelve months ending on June 30 last, as it shows in the figures of the internal revenue bureau:

163,000,000 gallons of distilled spirits, 30,000,000 gallons more than the year before.

59,485,111 barrels of fermented liquor, an increase of 3,000,000.

7600,000,000 cigars, in increase of 160,000,000.

6,830,000,000 cigarettes a solid billion more than in 1909.

402,000,000 pounds of plug, fine cut, cube cut, granulated or sliced smoking or chewing tobacco or snuff, 4,000,000 more than the year before.

141,862,282 pounds of oleomargarine, 50,000,000 pounds increase.

George Wilka was a business visitor from Heizer Saturday.

### Ellinwood Leader Sold.

John K. McMullen, for several years foreman of the Democrat office, this week closed a deal for the purchase of the Ellinwood Leader, the change in ownership to take place on the 1st of January. The Leader, since its sale to a company by Joe Cooke, has been managed by John C. Meyers, who will retire from the office with the change. Mr. McMullen is a good newspaper man and a good printer. He is a hard worker, and will make the Leader one of the best country papers in this section of the state. We very much regret his leaving this office, but understand that every man must do that which is for his own welfare, and in assuming the ownership of a plant of his own we believe Mr. McMullen is doing this. We wish him all kinds of prosperity in his new location.

### The New Ice Plant.

Dave Himrod, of this city, and Geo. F. Seeley, of Sterling, returned last week from Pueblo, where they went to interview the officials of the Missouri Pacific in regard to securing a lease on a plot of ground near the Pacific depot here for the establishment of their new ice plant. Their mission was successful, the lease on the ground having been secured, and work will be commenced on the building at once, and it is estimated that the entire plant will be completed and in shape to begin operation not later than May 1st. The plant will be located on a lot just north of the Mo. Pacific depot, and will have a capacity of twenty tons daily, besides plenty of cold storage capacity. Being located on the track, which will greatly reduce the cost of shipping expenses, together with other conveniences which the company will install, will probably result in the people of Great Bend and vicinity having much cheaper ice in the future than for a number of years.

### Helping Hutchinson.

Every little while we see something in the Hutchinson papers about some one, a former resident of this county, doing something to add to the beauty and wealth of that city. In the Monday issue of the News we note that F. P. Roehr has just completed a new residence at a cost of \$13,000. It is described as a model of its kind, and the first residence in that city to be erected of stucco cement construction.

F. M. Lorimer has also started building a new home to replace the one he now has. As the old saying goes, "What is our loss is their gain," is true in this case, and in about every other case where a former resident of this county seeks a new home. We wish we could keep all of them here.

### Adam Jordan Dead.

Adam Jordan passed away Wednesday morning, November 23, 1910, at the age of 82 years, 6 months and 6 days. He has been in poor health for many months, and for several weeks has been paralyzed.

Adam Jordan was born in Noble county, Ohio, May 17, 1828, where he resided until coming to Barton county in the fall of 1876, and settled on a claim southwest of town where he has since made his home.

He was married to Margaret Downey Feb. 6, 1851, and to this union nine children were born, five of whom are living and were with him when he died. The children are W. L., J. R., E. O., and J. M. Jordan, all residents of this community, and Mrs. Rebecca Barrett, who lives at Herington.

The funeral services will be conducted at the home of O. E. Jordan this afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment will be made in the Bloomingdale cemetery, beside the remains of his wife who preceded him in December, 1882.—Claffin Clarion.

C. G. Frederick, one of the bustling real estate men of Spearville, was transacting business in the city Thursday.

### Oregon Is Ready For Direct Vote On Presidents.

Oregon, the first state in the union to adopt the initiative, the referendum, the recall, the direct primary and the direct election of U. S. senators, has gone ahead again on the popular legislation road.

Oregon has just voted on 32 initiative measures. With but one or two exceptions the voters of the entire state voted right; the bad bills were killed, the good ones were made laws.

A state that gave Roosevelt a plurality of 43,000 and Taft 24,000 in the state election just past, by a decisive majority, elected Oswald West, democrat for governor against acting Gov. Jay Bowman, a republican, recommended to the voters by a "party assembly." The assembly plan was a device created by former U. S. Sen. Chas. W. Fulton and the remnant of the old Oregon land fraud ring to destroy the power of the direct primary. The "assembly" stripped of all authority under the direct primary law named a "regular" republican ticket and relied wholly on party prejudice of a republican state to carry it through.

The only reason Oregon elected West because the voters of the state demanded the absolute right to choose their own candidates at the primaries.

With West's election, and the defeat of every assemblyman on the republican ticket, the party leaders admit that the convention system has forever died in Oregon.

On top of this Oregon passed Sen. Bourne's revolutionary presidential preference bill. This will so far as Oregon is concerned do away with national party conventions, and in the next presidential campaign the people of Oregon, will, by direct vote, declare their choice for president—and that before any of the national conventions meet, which means that Oregon will be the most conspicuous state in the Union from the national political standpoint in the next presidential election.

Oregon will choose its delegates to the national convention by direct vote and instruct them to vote for the people's choice for president.

Oregon, by a majority, adopted what is believed to be the most drastic employer's liability law yet on the statute books of the nation. In many districts the vote was 2 to 1 for the measure of the labor unions and against the pseudo liability law put forward by the employers' association and big business generally.

Another remarkable measure passed by the voters is a law that makes a start toward cutting the knot of legal red tape that has tied up the civilize world tighter each year for centuries. By a good majority the voters of Oregon decided that a two-thirds jury verdict is sufficient in civil cases.

Local judges almost had apoplexy when they discovered their sacred citadel besieged, but a lot of legal buncombe has been wiped out in these parts. Under this new law the state constitution is so amended that county courts, county clerks, sheriffs and prosecuting attorneys may be done away with any time the people think they can get along without these highly ornamental officials. Oregon does not have to elect or pay these officials now wherever it does not need them. It also eliminates a lot of the technical obstructions in litigation. Further, the way is now open for each county in Oregon to have a commission form of government if the voters desire it.

The home rule bill giving towns and cities exclusive control of the liquor traffic, was passed, as was state-wide prohibition defeated.

Oregon went very wet this year the voters putting in the damp list numerous counties that have been very dry indeed.

Oregon today has the longest list of reform legislation of any state in the Union, and every elec-

tion discovers the voters the wis-

Close political observers are predicting that Oregon will, within five years, have proportional representation, giving every voter a chance to have representation; single tax on land values only; general commission form of government, and probably old age insurance for faithful workers, worn out in the mills of industry.

The direct primary and the initiative and the referendum have been working in Oregon for several years; to date the voters have never turned down a good measure finally, and have seldom passed a bad or foolish one. And the character of the office holders has improved immeasurably.

It works in Oregon.

### Back To The Old Home.

C. P. Ayres, of Great Bend, is now returning from a trip back to McLean county, Ill., his former home, where he spent a month very pleasantly visiting with old neighbors and friends. It had been 16 years since Mr. Ayres had been back to his former home and he found many changes. "In looking around over my old neighborhood," said Mr. Ayres, "I found changes on every hand. The last time I was there on every farm could be found pastures and some cattle. Now there are no pastures and no cattle. This must account for the fact that all Illinois farmers go on the big markets now to buy their stockers and feeders. They have quit raising hay to a great extent also. Many farmers are now buying their hay, something which seemed very strange to me. And when it comes to farming they have settled down to two crops, corn and oats, and that is about all they attempt to raise. Illinois, and especially that part of the state, produces great crops of corn. So when the farmer comes along to the end of the season, he figures out how many cattle he can feed, and he then comes to Kansas City and buys them. When I looked those farms over and compared them with our farms out in Kansas, I made up my mind that the Kansas farmer had an advantage over the Illinois land owner. We raise a far greater variety of crops and also much more forage feed. This is an advantage to the farmer. The farms in McLean county are held at \$225 an acre and upwards and farms in Barton county, where I live range around \$65 to \$100 per acre, according to improvements and distance from a railroad. Now the Illinois farmer must produce just a little more than twice as much to the acre of crops or other products as our land owners in order to even up with us. But he cannot do that, so of course it is a very easy matter to figure out who is ahead."

—Drovers Telegram.

### He Shot Out The Lights.

Roy Dillon, who is employed at the Ruch garage, got too much of the Kansas brand of whiskey Tuesday night and proceeded to have a little fun with the electric lights on Main street, and armed with a rifle he went up and down Main street just before midnight and shot the lights out. He was brought before Police Judge Perry Powers the next morning and settled the affair by paying \$17.50 for the globes he broke, and a fine of \$5 and costs, amounting in all to \$25.—Clarion.

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Henry Schwieler was a visitor from Heizer last Friday.

Mrs. W. E. Brehm is visiting with relatives and friends in Attia.

Miss Sadie Dale was up from Hutchinson to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Dale and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Omer and family and Louis Omer and family were in Herington last Thursday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kopplin.

860 acres; 6 miles from Spearville; 200 acres first bottom shallow water land; fine alfalfa land, balance general farming and grazing land. Price \$21.50 per acre. Terms. Whitcomb and Werhahn.

### Koett-Kimpler.

On Thanksgiving morning at St. Peter and Paul's Catholic church, at nine thirty o'clock, occurred the marriage of Mr. P. J. Kimpler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kimpler, to Miss Emma Koett, daughter of Mr. Ferdinand Koett, Father A. M. Weikman performing the ceremony. Miss Kittie Kimpler acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Fred Koett as the groomsmen.

The bride was attired in a gown of white Messaline, carried a bouquet of white roses and wore a wreath of white flowers and ferns, while the bridesmaid wore a gown of lavender. The groom and the groomsmen wore the conventional black. After the ceremony and congratulations, the bridal party with their relatives and friends repaired to the home of the bride, five miles east and two south of St. Peter and Pauls, where an elegant dinner was prepared for them. The tables were decorated with white and lavender chrysanthemums. After the young couple had partook of the bountiful repast they were shown the many beautiful and valuable, besides useful presents that were given them.

The afternoon and evening were spent with various games and different amusements until a late, or rather an early, hour, when all departed, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Kimpler much joy and happiness in their future life.

### Johnson-Caraway.

Mr. George Caraway and Miss Hazel Johnson were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson, of the fourth ward, Tuesday evening of this week. Rev. G. W. Alford of the Christian church officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Caraway are two of the most popular young people of the city, and have a large circle of friends who wish them all the joy and happiness the world affords. Mr. Caraway is a son of the late J. W. Caraway. He is a young man of good habits with plenty of energy and go, and will make a success in the world. Mrs. Caraway has for some time past been connected with the Cyclone store in this city. She is a pleasant and accomplished young woman, and has in the few years she has been a resident of the city made many warm friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Caraway left immediately for a short visit with friends in Kansas City, and on their return will be at home to their friends on the Caraway farm, just northwest of town.

Mrs. Henry Duschene, accompanied by her daughter Miss Hazel Criley, left for Wellington on Wednesday for a visit with her son, Will Criley and family.

The teachers and officers of the Congregational Sunday school were delightfully entertained at the home of the Misses McMullen Tuesday evening of this week.

W. H. Rice and daughter, Mrs. Southwick, were here from Herington last Thursday to visit Capt. Geo. Gray and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hamilton returned this week from N. Mexico where Mr. Hamilton has been acting as relief station agent at various points for the past few months.

Floyd Nelson is here from his home in Hutchinson for a visit with relatives and friends.

Al Brown and Sam Keener, of Eureka township, were visitors in the city Wednesday afternoon.

Charley Leschesky returned on Wednesday from a business trip to Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Slentz are here from Lewis for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Converse and Mrs. Oetken were visitors from Clarence township Wednesday.

Mrs. Ira Clark and daughter went to Newton Tuesday to attend the wedding of a relative.

Frank Marsh and family have moved into their handsome new home on Stone street, just north of their old home.

### Official Vote On Governor.

The official figures on the election from every county in the state place the plurality of Gov. Stubbs over Geo. H. Hodges at 13,815. Stubbs' total vote was 160,074, and Hodges' total vote was 144,259. S. N. Stallard, the Socialist candidate for governor, received only about 25,000 votes and William Cady, the Prohibition candidate, received less than 15,000.

The result in the congressional districts according to the official but uncanvassed vote are as follows:

First district—Anthony 21,852, Chapman 7,480, Anthony's majority 14,366.

Second district—Mitchell 23,282, Caldwell 19,852, Mitchell's majority 3,430.

Third district—Campbell 20,771, Botkin 19,852, Campbell's majority 828.

Fourth district—Jackson 17,111, Martin 14,051, Jackson's majority 3,060.

Fifth district—Rees 17,680, Helvering 15,775, Rees' majority, 1,903.

Sixth district—Young 21,220, Rockefeller 18,985, Young's majority 2,235.

Seventh district—Madison 24,925, Neely 20,133, Madison's majority 4,792.

Eighth district—Murdoch 16,239, Burnett (Socialist) 3,354, majority for Murdoch 13,985.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Francis Moses to Mr. Kenneth Roehen, which will take place the 26th of December.

The ball given by the members of the Great Bend fire department on last Thursday evening was a success both socially and financially, there being about 300 people in attendance, and the boys received about \$110 profits from the affair.

E. O. Jordan and wife, W. L. Jordan and wife and daughter, and J. R. Jordan, all of Claffin, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Barrett and son, of Herington, were transacting business and shopping in the city Wednesday. The gentlemen of the party made a pleasant call at this office and incidentally gladdened the heart of the editor by advancing their subscriptions another year.

Mrs. Will Hammond and son were visiting with relatives in Herington this week.

J. E. Reser was in Ellinwood Tuesday closing up a real estate deal.

Wm. Wissman and wife, of Albert, were in town Wednesday, and made a pleasant call at this office. Mr. Wissman has recently been up to Garden City where he owns land, and is very enthusiastic about the future of the irrigated country up that way, and around Garden City in particular.

Mrs. James Hutchinson was up from Raymond this week visiting with her mother, Mrs. A. W. Dunn, and other relatives.

J. S. Dalziel was here from his home at Claffin Wednesday visiting with friends and looking after business matters.

Mrs. Frank Dell returned Tuesday evening from an extended visit at Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Kepple have returned from a visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

John Komarek was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

J. W. Smith, of Eureka township, was in the city on business Wednesday.

John Dundas, Jr., was in the city Wednesday looking after business matters.

Mrs. George Harders, of Clarence township, has returned from a visit with relatives and friends at the old home at Pontiac, Ill.

D. C. Luse has been nursing a very sore face the past few days caused by a loose board flying up and striking him just under the eye, making a very painful sore.

Miss Grace Groty is visiting with relatives and friends in Emporia.

Tony Asher is here from Burdette visiting friends.